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Three Disaster Recovery Centers added for Hoosier Flood Victims to register for Disaster Relief Unemployment Benefits

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Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that three Disaster Recovery Centers have been added for workers in some Indiana counties that are eligible for special Disaster Unemployment Assistance Benefits (DUA) due to recent floods and storms.

The additional centers, which will operate Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., are at the following locations: Adams County Complex, 313 West Jefferson Street, Decatur, Indiana, 45733; Corps Community Center (Salvation Army), 1615 Meridian Street, Anderson, Indiana, 46016; and Worthman Office Mall, Suite 140, 5800 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46807.

Thirty-four counties were declared available for DUA. They are Adams, Allen, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Delaware, Fountain, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Kosciusko, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Noble, Pulaski, Randolph, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, Warren, Wayne, Wells, White and Whitely.

Governor O'Bannon requested and was granted federal disaster aid from President George W. Bush in his declaration on July 11, 2003.

Hoosiers farmers, some self-employed, and other workers whose jobs were affected as a direct result of the flooding may be eligible. Benefits will be determined based on applicants' income.

Previously opened Disaster Recovery Centers include these locations: Wells County EMA, 223 W. Washington St., Blufton, IN, 46714; Johanning Civic Center, 1500 N. Reed Road (U.S. 31), Kokomo, IN, 46901; Tippecanoe County EMA, 629 N. 6th Street, Lafayette, IN, 47901.

Interested claimants must call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toll-free number (1-800-621-3362) to receive a registration number, then apply for benefits at the temporary Disaster Recovery Centers or their local WorkOne. To find the nearest WorkOne office call 1-888-WORKONE or log on to the Department of Workforce Development web site at http://www.in.gov/dwd/.